

3 a first linkage coupled to said table mount;  
4 a second linkage pivotally coupled to said first linkage;  
5 a third linkage pivotally coupled to said second linkage;  
6 an end effector pivotally coupled to said third linkage and having a jaw member  
7 coupled to a spring; and,  
8 a heart stabilizer held by said jaw member of said end effector without rotation of a  
9 threaded fastener.

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1 16. (Twice Amended) A method for coupling a heart stabilizer to a table,  
2 comprising:  
3 mounting a support arm to the table;  
4 adjusting a position of an end effector of the support arm, the end effector having a  
5 retractable jaw member;  
6 retracting the jaw member, the retraction creates a spring force;  
7 inserting a heart stabilizer into the end effector; and;  
8 releasing the jaw member so that the spring force returns the jaw member and secures  
9 the end effector to the heart stabilizer.

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The applicant has attached an edited version of the amended claims as an Appendix.

#### REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The applicant has amended the claims to recite a heart stabilizer that is held by a jaw member without rotation of a threaded fastener. The spring jaw of the embodiment